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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Critical Intelligence
Problems Committee

SUBJECT: Addendum to the CIPC Narcotics Study

1. I appreciate the addendum and the effort that has gone into collating the Community activity relative to narcotics and suggestions and recommendations on how we might be more responsive.

2. Concerning the recommendations, I wish to hold off on the formal declaration of an MOU with NNBIS since I understand all the centers may come under control and direction of DEA.

3. Regarding the second recommendation, I will look to the National Intelligence Officer for narcotics to be the interface with the NNBIS system as far as levying requirements on the Intelligence Community and collection committees. While this may suggest I'm leery, I do that to protect the Intelligence Community from becoming involved in law enforcement activities and I want to keep a focal point through which the NNBIS must deal.

4. I approve of the recommendations regarding analytical training, the desire for ad hoc interagency working groups and the NIO identifying any gaps. In fact, I have been advised that the training is already underway and the NIO for narcotics is addressing recommendations 4 and 5.

5. This document and the CIPC narcotics study have been extremely useful. They are not only causing the Community to take stock of itself on this critical problem but also they are permitting all agencies to articulate in a cohesive fashion to Congress what the Community is doing and has underway on the narcotics issue. I thank the members of the Committee for their contribution.

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